

S-434  
Martin Waters House  
Upper Hill vicinity  
Private

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## HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: Martin Waters House

MHT Inventory Number: S-434

### MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
- 2) Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
- 3) Chronological/Development Period(s):  
Urban/Industrial Dominance  
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s): Single-family dwelling

**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. S-434

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common MARTIN WATERS HOUSE

**2. Location**

street & number Jones Factory Road

☐ not for publication

city, town Upper Fairmount ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Heirs of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Waters

street & number P. O. Box 306 telephone no.:

city, town Upper Hill state and zip code MD 21868

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County Clerk of Court liber 55

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio 33

city, town Princess Anne state MD 21853

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town

state

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Martin Waters house stands on the north side of Jones Factory Road in the vicinity of Upper Fairmount, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story, two-bay frame house faces south with the principal gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Supported on a minimal brick foundation, the two-story, side hall/parlor main block is sheathed with vinyl siding and covered by a steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story, two-bay kitchen wing, which is extended on its west side by a single-story shed-roofed addition.

The south (main) elevation is two-bay facade with an enclosed shed porch sheltering the first floor. A partially glazed front door opens into the side hall. Two-over-two sash windows light the second floor. Piercing the steeply pitched gable roof is an interior brick chimney finished with a corbeled cap.

The gable ends are marked by two-over-two sash windows on each floor, and the eaves to the roof are slightly extended.

Extending northward from the main block is a two-story, two-bay kitchen wing served by an interior end brick stove chimney. Attached to the west side of the kitchen is a single-story shed roof addition.

The interior was not seen.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification \_\_\_\_\_

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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## 11. Form Prepared By

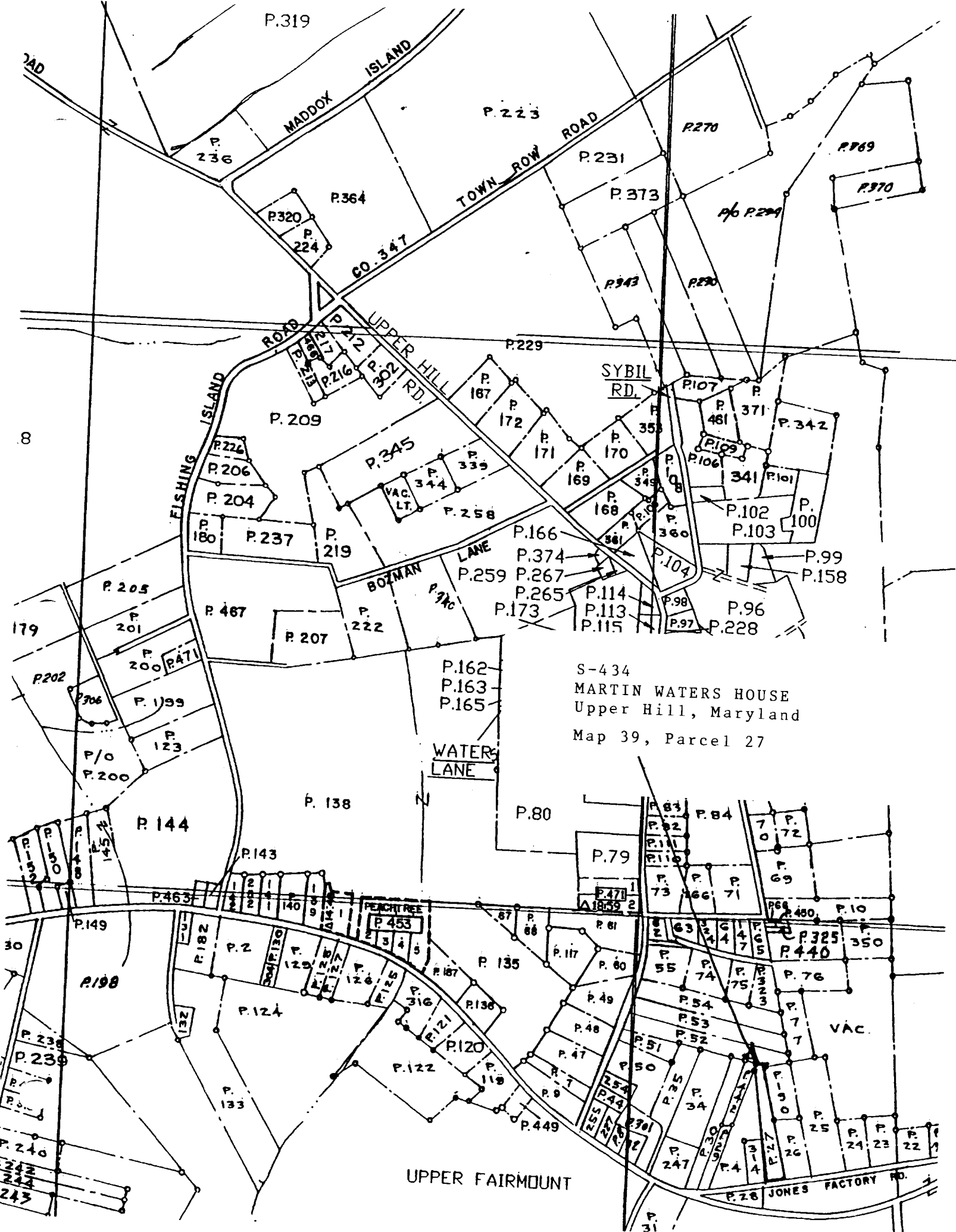
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organization	Private Consultant	date	5/25/95
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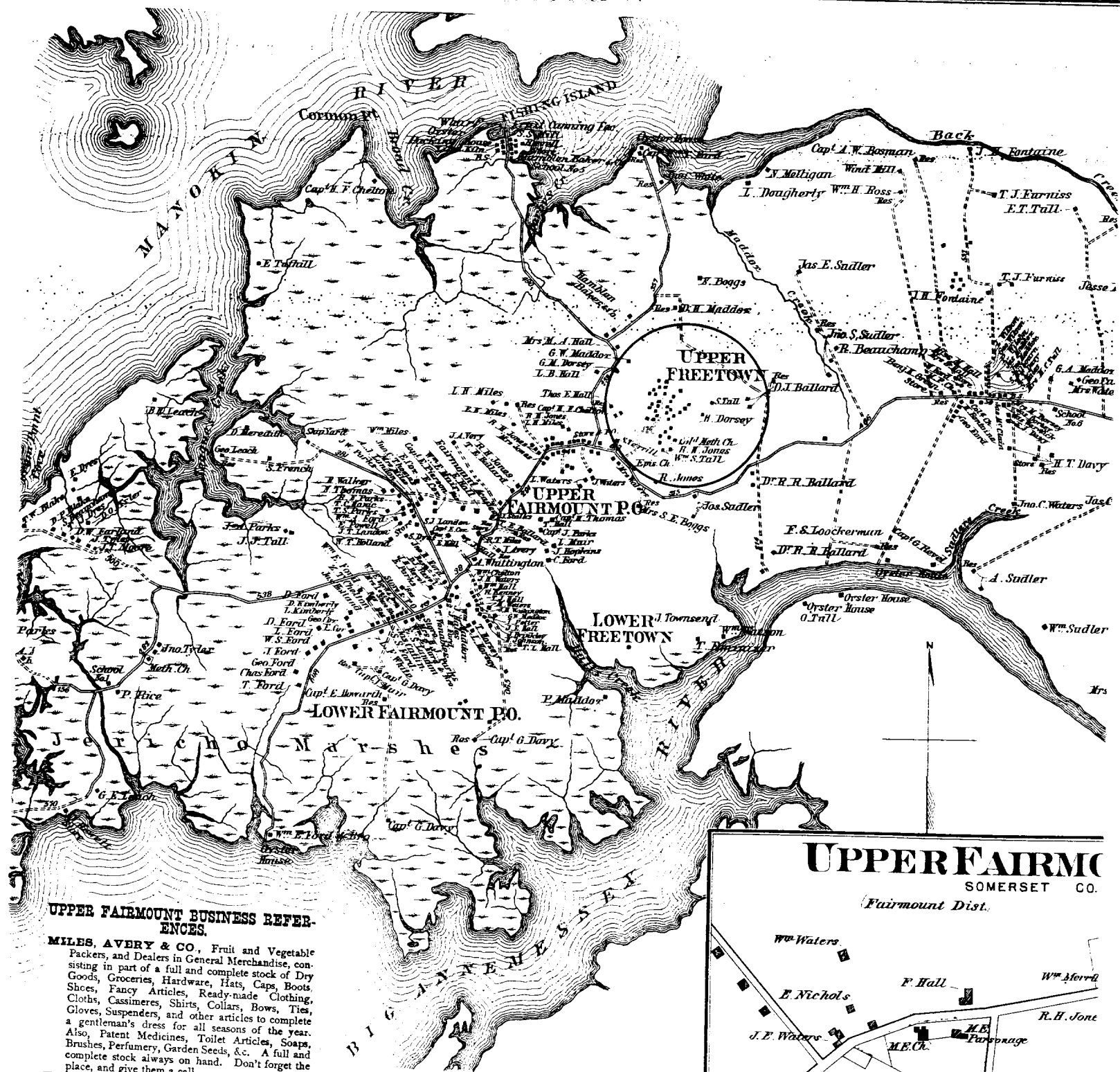
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MARTIN WATERS HOUSE  
Upper Hill, Maryland  
Map 39, Parcel 27

UPPER FAIRMOUNT

JONES FACTORY RD.



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**Dr. B. S. MILES**, Physician and Surgeon.

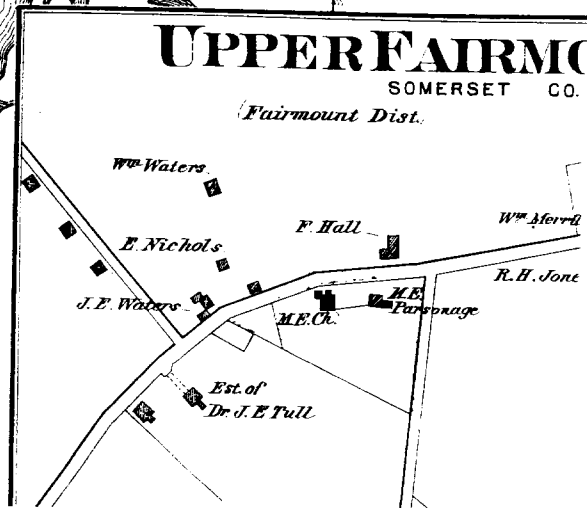
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## **FAIRMOUNT**

Dist. No. 6  
SOMERSET CO.



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LAKE, GRIFFING, AND STEVENSON  
ATLAS, 1877

Fairmount District



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MARTIN WATERS HOUSE

Upper Hill, Somerset Co., Maryland

Marion, Maryland Quadrangle 1972





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MARTIN WATER'S HOUSE

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SOUTH ELEVATION

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